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Claim 4. (amended twice) An insertion device for inserting into an eye a deformable intraocular lens in which at least an optical portion is formed of an elastic material having predetermined memory characteristics or a deformable intraocular lens in which at least an optical portion is formed of an elastic material having predetermined memory characteristics and which has a supporting portion for supporting the optical portion within the eye, wherein said insertion device comprises an enclosing member having an open position for receiving [and holding] the deformable intraocular lens and a closed position for holding the deformable intraocular lens in an enclosed manner, [and said deformable intraocular lens is placed in said enclosing member in advance in such a manner that] wherein at least a peripheral edge portion of the deformable intraocular lens is engaged with said enclosing member when the deformable intraocular lens is placed in the enclosing member and the enclosing member is in the open position, wherein the optical portion of the deformable intraocular lens substantially does not come into contact with the enclosing member when the enclosing member is in the open position, and wherein the deformable intraocular lens is deformed into a smaller size when the deformable intraocular lens is in the enclosing member and the enclosing member is closed from the open position to the closed position.

Claim 7. (amended twice) An insertion device for inserting into

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an eye a deformable intraocular lens in which at least an optical portion is formed of an elastic material having predetermined memory characteristics or a deformable intraocular lens in which at least an optical portion is formed of an elastic material having predetermined memory characteristics and which has a supporting portion for supporting the optical portion within the eye, said insertion device comprising:

(a) a body comprising an enclosing member, wherein the enclosing member has an open position for receiving [and holding] the deformable intraocular lens and a closed position for holding the deformable intraocular lens in an enclosed manner[, said enclosing member having at least one hinge portion that allows said enclosing member to be closed in order to deform the deformable intraocular lens]; and

(b) a holder slidably connected to the body;
wherein the deformable intraocular lens is deformed into a smaller size when the deformable intraocular lens is in the enclosing member and the enclosing member is closed from the open position to the closed position; and

wherein when the holder is slid toward or over the enclosing member, the holder closes the enclosing member from the open position to the closed position [for closing said enclosing member and maintaining the enclosing member in a closed state].

Claim 21. (amended once) An insertion device as claimed in Claim [7] 4, wherein said [enclosing member has grooves on the inner surface in order to receive and hold the deformable intraocular lens] insertion device further comprises a holder for closing the enclosing member and maintaining the enclosing member in the closed position.

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Claim 22. (amended once) An insertion device as claimed in Claim [7] 21, wherein said insertion device further comprises a body, and wherein said enclosing member and said holder are integrally built in said body.

Claim 23. (amended once) An insertion device as claimed in Claim [7] 21, wherein said enclosing member is an independent part.

Claim 24. (amended once) An insertion device as claimed in Claim [7] 21, wherein said holder is an independent part.

Claim 25. (amended once) An insertion device as claimed in Claim [7] 21, wherein said insertion device further comprises a body that is connected to said enclosing member and said holder, wherein said enclosing member and said holder are integrated together and are separated from said body.

Claim 31. (amended once) An insertion device as claimed in Claim [17] 7, wherein said enclosing member is transparent.